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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - PAKISTAN

- 11. LEAD STORIES: All Friday morning papers front-paged stories about the major ministries filing their budget requests for fiscal 2010, noting that the total state budget for the next fiscal year is estimated to be a record high of more than 90 trillion yen.
- 12. "U.S. Cross-Border Attacks Reinforce Anti-American Sentiment" The liberal Asahi wrote from Kabul (9/16): "Cross-border attacks on Islamic armed guerrillas in northwestern Pakistan by drones operated by the U.S. military stationed in Afghanistan have intensified under the Obama administration. Although the Pakistani government has repeatedly condemned the operations, calling them 'violations of state sovereignty,' the U.S. has hinted at expanding their scope. It is almost certain that intensified attacks will unleash anti-American sentiment among the Pakistani people. These attacks could run the risk of adversely affecting bilateral [U.S.-Pakistan] cooperation to combat terrorism."

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